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a connector for connecting an external device to said apparatus; and

for the external device connected by said connector from the connected external device.

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12. An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the external device comprises an input/output card for inputting or outputting information between said information processing apparatus and another information processing apparatus.

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14. An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the program executed by said processing unit comprises an operating system.

15. An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the loaded device driver comprises a program for controlling the external device connected by said connector.

16. An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said central processing unit executed the loaded device driver to control the external device connected by said connector.

17. An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said central processing unit executes the program when said apparatus is turned on.

18. An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said central processing unit executes the program when the external apparatus is connected by said connector.

19. An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said apparatus comprises a notebook personal computer.

20. An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said apparatus comprises an electronic pocket book.

21. An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said apparatus comprises an electronic camera.

22. An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said apparatus comprises a facsimile apparatus.

23. An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said connector has 68 signal pins.

24. An apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising a memory for storing the loaded device driver.

25. An apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising a memory for storing the program.

26. An apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising a display for displaying a character.

27. An apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising a keyboard for inputting a character.

28. An information processing apparatus comprising:  
connector means for connecting an external device to said apparatus; and  
loading means for loading a device driver for the external device connected by said connector means from the connected external device.

29. An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the external device comprises a random access memory card.

30. An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the external device comprises a read only memory card.

31. An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the external device comprises an input/output card for inputting or outputting information between said information processing apparatus and another information processing apparatus.

32. An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the external device comprises another information processing apparatus which is connected by said connector means via an interface cable.

33. An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein said loading means loads the device driver in accordance with an operating system for loading the device driver for the external device from the external device.

34. An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the loaded device driver comprises a program for controlling the external device connected by said connector means.

35. An apparatus according to claim 28, further comprising means for executing the loaded device driver to control the external device connected by said connector means.

36. An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein said loading means loads the device driver when said apparatus is turned on.

37. An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein said loading means loads the device driver when the external apparatus is connected by said connector means.

38. An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein said apparatus comprises a notebook personal computer.

39. An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein said apparatus comprises an electronic pocket book.

40. An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein said apparatus comprises an electronic camera.

41. An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein said apparatus comprises a facsimile apparatus.



49. A storage medium according to claim 46, wherein the external device comprises an input/output card for inputting or outputting information between said information processing apparatus and another information processing apparatus.

50. A storage medium according to claim 46, wherein the external device comprises another information processing apparatus which is connected by said connector via an interface cable.

51. A storage medium according to claim 46, wherein the program stored in said storage means comprises an operating system.

52. A storage medium according to claim 46, wherein the loaded device driver comprises a program for controlling the external device connected by the connector.

53. A storage medium according to claim 46, wherein the program stored in said storage means is executed when the information processing apparatus is turned on.

54. A storage medium according to claim 46, wherein the program stored in said storage means is executed when the external apparatus is connected by the connector.

55. A storage medium according to claim 46, wherein the information processing apparatus comprises a notebook personal computer.

56. A storage medium according to claim 46, wherein the information processing apparatus comprises an electronic pocket book.

57. A storage medium according to claim 46, wherein the information processing apparatus comprises an electronic camera.

58. A storage medium according to claim 46, wherein the information processing apparatus comprises a facsimile apparatus.

59. A storage medium according to claim 46, wherein the connector has 68 signal pins.

60. A storage medium according to claim 46, wherein the information processing apparatus further comprises a memory for storing the loaded device driver.

61. A storage medium according to claim 46, wherein the information processing apparatus further comprises a display for displaying a character.



62. A storage medium according to claim 46, wherein the information processing apparatus further comprises a keyboard for inputting a character.

63. An information processing method carried out in an information processing apparatus having a connector for connecting an external device to the apparatus, said method comprising the steps of:  
discriminating the type of the external device connected to the apparatus by the connector; and  
executing a program for loading a device driver for the external device connected by the connector from the connected external device.

64. A method according to claim 63, wherein the external device comprises a random access memory card.

65. A method according to claim 63, wherein the external device comprises a read only memory card.

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~~65~~. A method according to claim 63, wherein the external device comprises an input/output card for inputting or outputting information between the information processing apparatus and another information processing apparatus.

67. A method according to claim 63, wherein the external device comprises another information processing apparatus which is connected by the connector via an interface cable.

68. A method according to claim 63, wherein the program executed in said executing step comprises an operating system.

69. A method according to claim 63, wherein the loaded device driver comprises a program for controlling the external device connected by the connector.

70. A method according to claim 63, wherein said executing step operates the loaded device driver to control the external device connected by the connector.

71. A method according to claim 63, wherein said executing step executes the program when the apparatus is turned on.

72. A method according to claim 63, wherein said executing step executes the program when the external device is connected by the connector.

73. A method according to claim 63, wherein the apparatus comprises a notebook personal computer.

74. A method according to claim 63, wherein the apparatus comprises an electronic pocket book.

75. A method according to claim 63, wherein the apparatus comprises an electronic camera.

76. A method according to claim 63, wherein the apparatus comprises a facsimile apparatus.

77. A method according to claim 63, wherein the connector has 68 signal

pins.

78. A method according to claim 63, further comprising the step of storing the loaded device driver.

79. A method according to claim 63, further comprising the step of displaying a character.

80. A method according to claim 63, further comprising the step of inputting a character.

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81. An information processing method carried out in an information processing apparatus having a connector for connecting an external device to the apparatus, said method comprising the steps of:
- discriminating the type of the external device connected to the apparatus by the connector; and
  - loading a device driver for the external device connected by the connector from the connected external device.
82. A method according to claim 81, wherein the external device comprises a random access memory card.
83. A method according to claim 81, wherein the external device comprises a read only memory card.
84. A method according to claim 81, wherein the external device comprises an input/output card for inputting or outputting information between the information processing apparatus and another information processing apparatus.
85. A method according to claim 81, wherein the external device comprises another information processing apparatus which is connected by the connector via an interface cable.

86. A method according to claim 81, wherein said loading step loads the device driver in accordance with an operating system for loading the device driver for the external device from the external device.

87. A method according to claim 81, wherein the loaded device driver comprises a program for controlling the external device connected by the connector.

88. A method according to claim 81, further comprising the step of operating the loaded device driver to control the external device connected by the connector.

89. A method according to claim 81, wherein said loading step loads the device driver when the apparatus is turned on.

90. A method according to claim 81, wherein said loading step loads the device driver when the external device is connected by the connector.

91. A method according to claim 81, wherein the apparatus comprises a notebook personal computer.

92. A method according to claim 81, wherein the apparatus comprises an electronic pocket book.

93. A method according to claim 81, wherein the apparatus comprises an electronic camera.

94. A method according to claim 81, wherein the apparatus comprises a facsimile apparatus.

95. A method according to claim 81, wherein the connector has 68 signal pins.

96. A method according to claim 81, further comprising the step of storing the loaded device driver.

97. A method according to claim 81, further comprising the step of displaying a character.

98. A method according to claim 81, further comprising the step of inputting a character.

99. An information processing apparatus comprising:  
connecting means for connecting an external device to said apparatus; and  
storage means for storing a device driver for the external device connected by said connecting means and loaded from the connected external device.

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100. An apparatus according to claim 99, wherein the external device comprises a random access memory card.

101. An apparatus according to claim 99, wherein the external device comprises a read only memory card.

102. An apparatus according to claim 99, wherein the external device comprises an input/output card for inputting or outputting information between said information processing apparatus and another information processing apparatus.

103. An apparatus according to claim 99, wherein the external device comprises another information processing apparatus which is connected by said connecting means via an interface cable.

104. An apparatus according to claim 99, wherein the device driver stored in said storage means comprises a program for controlling the external device connected by said connecting means.

105. An apparatus according to claim 99, wherein the device driver is loaded in said storage means when said apparatus is turned on.

106. An apparatus according to claim 99, wherein the device driver is loaded in a memory when the external apparatus is connected by said connecting means.

107. An apparatus according to claim 99, wherein said apparatus comprises a notebook personal computer.

108. An apparatus according to claim 99, wherein said apparatus comprises an electronic pocket book.

109. An apparatus according to claim 99, wherein said apparatus comprises an electronic camera.

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100. An apparatus according to claim 99, wherein said apparatus comprises a facsimile apparatus.

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101. An apparatus according to claim 99, wherein said connecting means has 68 signal pins.

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102. An apparatus according to claim 99, further comprising display means for displaying a character.



~~103.~~ An apparatus according to claim 99, further comprising input means for inputting a character.

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~~104.~~ A storage medium for storing a program used in an information processing apparatus having a connector for connecting an external device to the apparatus, the program performing the steps of:

discriminating the type of the external device connected to the apparatus by the connector; and

executing a program for loading a device driver for the external device connected by the connector from the connected external device.

105. A storage medium according to claim 104, wherein the external device comprises a random access memory card.

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106. A storage medium according to claim 104, wherein the external device comprises a read only memory card.

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107. A storage medium according to claim 104, wherein the external device comprises an input/output card for inputting or outputting information between the information processing apparatus and another information processing apparatus.

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108. A storage medium according to claim 104, wherein the external device comprises another information processing apparatus which is connected by the connector via an interface cable.

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109. A storage medium according to claim 104, wherein the program executed in said executing step comprises an operating system.

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110. A storage medium according to claim 104, wherein the loaded device driver comprises a program for controlling the external device connected by the connector.

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111. A storage medium according to claim 104, wherein said executing step operates the device driver to control the external device connected by the connector.

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112. A storage medium according to claim 104, wherein said executing step executes the program when the apparatus is turned on.

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113. A storage medium according to claim 104, wherein said executing step executes the program when the external device is connected by the connector.

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114. A storage medium according to claim 104, wherein the apparatus comprises a notebook personal computer.



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~~122.~~ A storage medium for storing a program used in an information processing apparatus having a connector for connecting an external device to the apparatus, the program performing the steps of:  
discriminating the type of the external device connected to the apparatus by the connector; and  
loading a device driver for the external device connected by the connector from the connected external device.

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~~123.~~ A storage medium according to claim 122, wherein the external device comprises a random access memory card.

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~~124.~~ A storage medium according to claim 122, wherein the external device comprises a read only memory card.

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~~125.~~ A storage medium according to claim 122, wherein the external device comprises an input/output card for inputting or outputting information between the information processing apparatus and another information processing apparatus.

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~~126.~~ A storage medium according to claim 122, wherein the external device comprises another information processing apparatus which is connected by the connector via an interface cable.

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~~127~~. A storage medium according to claim 122, wherein said loading step loads the device driver in accordance with an operating system for loading the device driver for the external device from the external device.

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128. A storage medium according to claim 122, wherein the loaded device driver comprises a program for controlling the external device connected by the connector.

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~~129~~. A storage medium according to claim 122, wherein the program further performs the step of operating the loaded device driver to control the external device connected by the connector.

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130. A storage medium according to claim 122, wherein said loading step loads the device driver when the apparatus is turned on.

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~~131~~. A storage medium according to claim 122, wherein said loading step loads the device driver when the external device is connected by the connector.

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~~132~~. A storage medium according to claim 122, wherein the apparatus comprises a notebook personal computer.

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